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In re Patent Application of)	MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
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Ken Tatebe et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1797
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Application No.: 10/551,279)	Examiner: Dean P Kwak
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Filed: September 27, 2005)	Confirmation No.: 1584
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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants and Applicants' representative thank Examiner Alexander of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for his time and consideration during the interview with Applicants' representative on December 14, 2009. Applicants submit that the Interview Summary dated December 29, 2009, accurately reflects the substance of the interview.

During the interview, the Examiner stated that the September 10, 2009 Office Action in this application will be treated as a Non-Final Office Action. Applicants respectfully submit that the December 10, 2009 response filed in this application constitutes a complete reply to the September 10, 2009 Non-Final Office Action. Also, because the Office Action issued on September 10, 2009 will be treated as a Non-Final Office Action, the response filed on December 10, 2009 stops the running of the shortened statutory period for response set in the September 10, 2009 Office Action. Thus, Applicants understand that no further response to the September 10, 2009 Office Action is required to maintain pendency of this application.

Should the Examiner believe otherwise, or If there are any questions concerning this paper or the application in general, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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